

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the following paragraph:

The invention relates to a device (101) for switching on and powering discharge lamps comprising at least a current limiting device, at least a square wave generator, at least an igniter, at least two high tension connection cables (107, 107'), at least a lamp holder (103) with at least a discharge lamp (104) coupled, ~~[said]~~ the at least one igniter comprising at least a high tension transformer and at least an overlapping transformer, ~~[said]~~ the device being characterised in that ~~[said]~~ the at least an igniter is divided into a first stage of the igniter, or pulse generator transformer (102), and a high tension transformer (108), and in that ~~[said]~~ the first igniter stage, or pulse generator transformer (102), and the relevant high tension transformer (108) are assembled along with the above mentioned components.